ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method is disclosed for rendering content encrypted according to a cryptographic key, where the content has corresponding rights data including a decryption key (KD) for decrypting the encrypted content, and where (KD) in the rights data is encrypted according to a public key of a rights management (RM) server (PU-RM) to result in (PU-RM(KD)). The RM server normally delivers (KD) within a license, but upon being decommissioned can no longer issue such license. In the method, a notification is received that the RM server has been decommissioned, and thereafter an attempt is made to render a piece of content. Such content is determined to be protected to the decommissioned RM server, and a request is sent to the decommissioned RM server for the content key (KD) for the content rather than any license. Thereafter (KD) is received from the decommissioned RM server.